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RESERVATIONS TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

1. WRITING FROM BRUSSELS IN MARCH 2L ISSUE OF  
"GUARDIAN, JOURNALIST HELLA PICK CLAIMED THAT LAST  
WEEK'S NATO PERMREP MEETING RESULTED IN CONSENSUS TO  
"URGE CAUTION ON THE AMERICANS" ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

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2. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING HER SOURCES BY NAME, PICK SAID  
THAT WESTERN EUROPEANS, WHILE JUST AS DEVOTED TO  
INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS PRESIDENT  
CARTER, FEAR THAT EXCESSIVE OUTSPOKENNESS COULD  
PREJUDICE OVERALL EAST/WEST RELATIONS.

3. DEVELOPING THIS THEME, MISS PICK WROTE:

QUOTE FRENCH DIPLOMATS AT NATO ARE BARELY BOTHERING TO HIDE THEIR UNHAPPINESS WITH MR. CARTER. 'THE DOVES HAVE MADE A CLEAN SWEEP IN WASHINGTON. THE HAWKS, WHO AT THE VERY LEAST WERE MORE PREDICTABLE, HAVE BEEN OUTFLANKED' SAYS ONE WHO HAS JUST BEEN INVESTIGATING THE NEW WASHINGTON SCENE. IMPROBABLE THOUGH IT MAY SEEM, THE FRENCH, WHO DEVOTED SO MUCH ENERGY TO CRITICISM OF DR. KISSINGER, ALMOST SEEM TO MOURN HIS PASSING.

THE GERMANS, TOO, ARE UNEASY. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND LECTURE THE AMERICANS ON ECONOMIC POLICY.

NOW THE CARTER PEOPLE ARE/LECTURING HERR SCHMIDT, TELLING HIM TO REFLATE MORE THAN HE FEELS HE CAN JUSTIFY IN POLITICAL TERMS, CRITICISING THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH BRAZIL; THROWING SPANNERS INTO THE TANK STANDARDISATION PROGRAMME FROM WHICH GERMANY WOULD STAND TO BENEFIT AND RUBBING SALT INTO THE WOUND BY SINGLING BRITAIN OUT FOR 'THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.'

BUT THE WEST EUROPEAN CRITICISM IS NOT ALL DIRECTED AT WASHINGTON. MUCH OF IT IS DIRECTED AT OTHER EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO. ALMOST ALL THE MEMBERS ARE IN SOME POLITICAL TROUBLE. UNQUOTE.

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